

Official Diary

Monday, 3 November 1952

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1. At the Deputies' meeting, mentioned to DCI the report of China's air preparations respecting Indochina which was unconfirmed and evaluated "low" by O/CI.

2. Also at the Deputies' meeting, gave DCI the NE report on the possibility of legalization of Tudeh in Iran.

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3. Discussed with DCI [REDACTED] cable respecting [REDACTED] comments on the procedure for the next NATO Standing Group conference. Reminded DCI of the revised procedure which he had approved and also reminded him of my talk with Shortt and with Samford. Thereafter drafted an explanatory cable for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

4. Informed Mr. Sheldon of my conversation with General Partridge respecting relations with AFSA and requested him to send a copy of his minutes on this subject to General Partridge.

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5. Phoned [REDACTED] of FE/DD/P, and made a mild complaint as to the priority given the cable on China's air preparations threat toward Indochina, but [REDACTED] indicated that there was some background leading him to believe that the routine precedence was an indirect evaluation of the information. Indicated that a comment would be preferable from our point of view.

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6. After chatting with [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] our answer to the Newsweek request for information was "no" and that this would be our general policy on this general problem. Later approved a proposed log entry drafted by [REDACTED] on this point.

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7. Lunched with Park Armstrong, [REDACTED] and Mr. Amory. Following luncheon, we returned to Mr. Armstrong's Office, at which time the following points were covered:

a. Mr. Armstrong handed to me a draft proposal respecting Psychological Warfare Intelligence support and I undertook to review it and comment prior to my trip.

b. I raised a question of the NSA reorganization and expressed to Armstrong [REDACTED] my views on the priority of personnel choices and the necessity for getting going on some planning in this field. I indicated that I was looking for an experienced assistant and Mr. Armstrong suggested 25X1A5a1

25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] presently connected with [REDACTED] Armstrong

25X1A9a also inquired whether [REDACTED] could be persuaded to come down for a while.

c. We chatted finally respecting relations between the two Offices and I suggested that there was some discussion between working level people on economic matters which I felt could be worked out satisfactorily both from State and our own point of view. I requested that Mr. Armstrong not take any position until he had talked with Mr. Amory or myself, if the matter was raised.

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8. Was briefed by [REDACTED] on my trip to the Far East.